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News and Notes from the
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MAY

TOP 20 TITHES

(Received by 10 June 1986)

1. MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	\$ 1,933.30
2. MCC of the Resurrection..Houston, TX	\$ 1,388.64
3. MCC San Diego.....San Diego, CA	\$ 1,208.10
4. MCC Washington D.C....Washington, DC	1,068.52
5. MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	1,025.13
6. MCC Gtr. St.Louis.....St. Louis, MO	948.50
7. Ch.of Holy Spirit MCC.Ft.Ldrdale, FL	789.80
8. MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	762.67
9. All God's Children MCC.....Mpls., MN	760.17
10. MCC New York.....New York, NY	720.21
11. MCC Gtr. Kansas Cty..Kansas Cty., MO	572.47
12. Agape MCC.....Ft. Worth, TX	569.22
13. MCC of the Pomona Valley..Pomona, CA	547.70
14. MCC San Antonio.....San Antonio, TX	545.64
15. MCC San Francisco..San Francisco, CA	522.53
16. King of Peace MCC...St.Ptrsburg., FL	520.96
17. St. Luke's MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	517.77
18. MCC of Disciples.....Washington, DC	514.60
19. MCC Portland.....Portland, OR	493.80
20. MCC Baltimore.....Baltimore, MD	450.13

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1. MCC Richmond.....Richmond, VA	\$ 68.71
2. Good Samaritan MCC.....Whittier, CA	32.42
3. MCC Gentle Shepherd.....Vancouver, WA	24.71
4. MCC of the Spirit.....Harrisburg, PA	24.31
5. Open Arms MCC.....Rochester, NY	23.07
6. MCC of Northern Virginia....Oakton, VA	22.95
7. Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO	22.49
8. MCC Galveston Island.....Galveston, TX	20.63
9. MCC Brooklyn.....Brooklyn, NY	20.18
10. MCC Baltimore.....Baltimore, MD	19.83
11. MCC Hartford.....Hartford, CT	19.19
12. MCC of the Disciples....Washington, DC	18.92
13. MCC Washington.....Washington, DC	18.81
14. Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	18.78
15. Whitewater Valley MCC.....Richmond, IN	18.48
16. MCC New York.....New York, NY	18.33
17. Oasis MCCTempe, AZ	18.02
18. All Saints MCC.....Atlanta, GA	17.97
19. MCC Midland/Odessa.....Odessa, TX	17.85
20. New Covenant MCC.....Garden Grove, CA	17.05

PRAISES

***Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry was recently honored by two cities--Key West, Florida and West Hollywood, California with proclamations for his pioneering work in the Gay and Lesbian Communities.

***Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull of MCC Baltimore was awarded the "Community Pride Award" by the Baltimore Gay and Lesbian Community.

PRAYER REQUESTS

***Dennis Jones, the father of J.T. Atkinson, died May 11, 1986. He had been in critical care for approximately five weeks. Please keep his family in your prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***MCC Long Beach has a weekly 1-hour radio program--KFOX Redondo Beach. Send records or tapes for use to Rev. Dusty Pruitt at MCC Long Beach, 1231 Locust, Long Beach, CA 90813.

***San Francisco Metropolitan Community Church would like to introduce to you the Rev. Jim Mitulski. Jim began in early May when he and Bob Crocker moved here from New York City. Jim had previously been the associate pastor of MCC New York. A Service of Installation is planned for Saturday, July 12th at 5:00 p.m. at MCC San Francisco. The guest preacher will be the Rev. Steve Carson, pastor of MCC Boston.

HOMOPHOBIA/HETEROSEXISM RESOURCE

Dr. Jeffrey Pulling, editor of SOTER, recommends to MCC'ers a manual published by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. called Breaking the Silence, Overcoming the Fear: Homophobia Education. The contents are divided into three sections: Clarifying the Problem, Biblical-Theological Perspectives, and Models for Homophobia Education. Included are articles by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, George Edwards, Chris Glaser, Jane Spahr, and Peggy Way.

This manual would be especially useful to MCC clergy and laity who do speaking engagements with mainline churches, ecumenical forums, and college classes.

Cost is \$3.50 U.S. Order from The Program Agency, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., Room 1101, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115, U.S.A.

PERIODICAL INFORMATION NEEDED

+++An upcoming issue of Salt of the Earth Resources will feature periodicals helpful for keeping one informed and equipped for Christian ministry today. UFMCC clergy, lay leaders, deacons, and student clergy are asked to send to the SOTER editor (Jeffrey Pulling, Box 820, West Hartford, CT 06107, U.S.A.) suggestions for this issue of magazines, journals, and newsletters they find personally helpful. Periodicals from countries other than the U.S. are especially needed. Please include address of the periodical, its subscription cost, and a brief description of it.

MEETINGS

++Board of Elders Meeting -- July 8-13, 1986 in the Los Angeles area.

++CCCC Meeting -- Because of the move of the CCCC Office the summer meeting, July 15-22, will be in Los Angeles at the Holiday Inn.

++UFMCC International aids Vigil of Prayer -- 5-7 September 1986.

++FFO Meeting -- 13-17 August 1986 at MCC Dallas, Texas.

NEW ADDRESS

Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee (CCCC) has a new permanent office:

C.C.C.C.
5300 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 324
Los Angeles, CA 90029
Telephone: (213) 459-7894

Rev. Claudia Vierra's (the Chair of CCCC) office hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.

JULY PICNIC

The Los Angeles Women's Prison Ministry will be sponsoring an old fashioned 'Box Lunch' Auction and all day picnic. All the Southern California churches and groups have been invited. The admission fee is one box lunch to be auctioned off by our professional autioneer, the Rev. Jack Mossman.

The funds will be used to continue the work and ministry of LAWPM. Also, we will be concentrating a lot of efforts on setting up our Transition House for lesbian ex-offenders.

What a great way to raise funds, have fun and get together in a very relaxed atmosphere. You may want to use this idea in your churches and districts. We'll let you know how successful it is.

CLERGY CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER 1986

The theme for this years Clergy Conference is "Fully Alive." The Conference dates are September 15-18, 1986 (at Marcy Center, Burlingame, CA--fly to the San Francisco airport). Registration rates are \$165.00 (includes room food and registration). Brochures will be sent out by July 1, 1986.

JOURNEY

The new Journey will be coming to you sometime in July--be looking for it. Here is an easy, convenient order form for those who have not yet subscribed....

AIDS MINISTRY COORDINATOR

The position of "Aids Ministry Coordinator for UFMCC will be open later this year. The coordinator will serve as the Executive Officer for aids ministry for UFMCC. For specific information please write to Rev. Troy D. Perry, c/o UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304, Los Angeles, CA 20029.

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